9: Hobley G-S (ca. 1900) 1903 FL11 Lmp FL11
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polygamy, and the deceptive fact that the village headmen and elders generally have large numbers of wives. Though still of opinion that the female sex predominates, their numerical superiority is probably not so great as I thought at first, and having had my attention called from time to time to the large number of unmarried adults in many of the villages, I have collected statistics on the subject.

The summary of these statistics is as follows:—

Bantu Kavirondo		male little	...	17½ per cent.
		female "	...	47½ "
Nilotic stock	Ja-Luo	male "	...	42 "
		female "	...	18 "
	Nandi	male "	...	40½ "
		female "	...	14½ "

It thus appears that among the Bantu tribes the number of male little is in excess, and among those of Nilotic origin, particularly among the Nilotic Kavirondo, the female little are in excess.

The statistics also show the average number of children to a family among the various races.

		Average Number of Children.
Bantu Kavirondo		7·75
Nilotic stock	Ja-Luo	3·94
	Nandi	2·6

Of course in times past the wastage of male life was extremely heavy, and in spite of the more peaceful times now prevailing, still is so.

In connection with this subject I may mention that as the country settles, and the male sex obtains a better chance of survival, I am hoping that the custom of marriage by purchase, which entirely prevails in this area, will prove an incentive to the younger male population to turn their attention more to the habit of working steadily for hire, in order to obtain the wherewithal to buy their wives, and I hope I am not too sanguine in making the statement that I fancy signs of this movement are becoming apparent.

9: Bobby G-5 (ca. 1908) 1983 FL11 Lan FL11
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Fourth Census.
Great Tribe, Ao-Lau—Statistics

Names of Women.	Total Number of Children Born.	Surviving Children.		Children who have Died.	
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1. Thai ...	0	1	0	1	0
2. Ewar	0	1	1	0	0
3. Tsyungo	10	0	0	0	0
4. Wabai	11	0	0	0	1
5. Ogiuna	10	0	0	0	0
6. Thai ...	0	0	0	1	1
7. Tyuni	11	0	0	1	1
8. Tsyini	0	0	0	1	0
9. Ohungo	0	0	0	0	1
10. Ohimaeho	11	1	0	0	0
11. Ohuoh	10	0	0	0	0
12. Ohuoh	11	0	0	0	0
Total ...	100	50	40	25	25

Statistics of the Kumli.

Kumli.	Number of Wives.	Children Born.		Surviving Children.	
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Kumsalam, about 60 years old ...	5 wife 1st wife ... 2nd " ... 3rd " ... 4th " ... 5th " ...	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0 1	1 0 0 0 1
Anch. Ethei, about 50 years of age ...	2 wife 1st " ... 2nd " ...	0 died in infant hands.	1	0 —	1 —
Arolaolem, about 50 years	5 wife 1st wife ... 2nd " ... 3rd " ... 4th " ... 5th " ...	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 1
Anch. Kaiem, about 50 years	2 wife 1st " ... 2nd " ...	0 died in infant hands.	0	1 —	1 —
Jonjoria, about 60 years ...	2 wife 1st " ... 2nd " ...	0 0	1 1	0 0	0 1
Total	...	10	10	15	15